(b) whether the Union Government provide any incentives/concessions/assistance for economic activities to them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) There are about 80,000 Tibetian Refugees in India.

(b) and (c). Government of India has provided them relief and rehabilitation assistance for their resettlement in different States under various agricultural and handicraft schemes.

Free Education and Housing for Handicapped Children

1474. SHRI SWAMI SURESHANAND: Will the Minster of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of handicapped children in the county;

(b) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme for providing free education and housing facility to them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINSTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No precise information about the number of handicapped children in the country is available. However, according to a sample survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation during 1981, the number of children per 1,00, 000 of population in rural and urban areas having visual, speech, hearing and locomotor disabilities are as under:–

Disability	*Rural*		*Urban*	
	Age 0-4	*Age 5-14*	*Age 0-4*	*Age 5-14*
i) Visual	39	66	25	87
ii) Hearing	–	314	–	244
iii) Speech	–	411	–	426
iv) Locomotor	435	676	540	718

(b) and (c). There is no scheme for providing housing facilities to handicapped children. There is an ongoing Centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children with the objective of providing educational opportunities for disabled children in common schools under which 100% central assistance is given to State/U.T. Voluntary organisations.

[*Translation*]

Scheme for Upliftment of Backward Communities in Rajasthan

1475. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state: